

September 2015

Dear Parent/Carer

We are pleased to announce that The Castle School has organised a textile collection with **Bag2School** again in order to raise funds for a number of charities, as nominated by Senior Students over the course of the year.

Bag2School are the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 2001 they have now paid out over £8 million.

As well as raising vitally needed funds for charity, it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. A recent DEFRA report has shown that textile collection schemes are helping to reduce the volume of textiles discarded as municipal solid waste. However, it is a fact that as a nation we still send 1,081,000 tonnes of textiles to landfill every year.

By getting involved in our **Bag2School** collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can **only include** the following, men's, ladies' and children's clothing, paired shoes (have to be tied together or elastic band around), handbags, ties, belts, hats and soft toys. We will receive **£400 per tonne or £0.40/kg** which will be a great boost for our fundraising. In addition it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

If you fill the donation bag and still have more then you can use any other bag to donate your items and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

Bag2School will be collecting from our school on **Tuesday 6 October**. Please bring your bag to Main Reception (**we have only been given 200 bags so if you do not have one then other bin bags will be acceptable**) by **9am** on 6 October at the latest. Unfortunately we cannot accept any late bags as we do not have room to store them.

Many thanks indeed for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity.

Yours sincerely

The Castle School.

